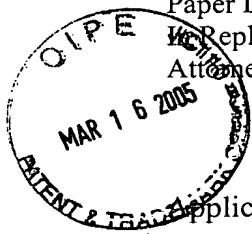


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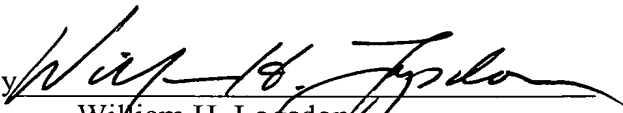
Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 17, 2004, Applicant elects Species B (Figs. 3 and 4; claims 1-8, 10-15, and 18) for prosecution on the merits.

In the Preliminary Amendment submitted concurrently with the Utility Patent Application Transmittal dated August 26, 2003, claims 9, 16, 17, 19, and 20 (directed to Species A) were canceled, leaving only claims 1-8, 10-15, and 18 remaining in this application. Claims 1-8, 10, and 13-15 are generic and claims 11, 12, and 18 are directed specifically towards Species B. Therefore, examination and allowance of claims 1-8, 10-15, and 18 are respectfully requested.

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